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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I value competitive choice and oppose the USTelecom petition. Without competition we are left exposed to high prices and poor service. I tried AT&T for years and was never treated well nor thoughtfully. The same goes for Sprint. We recently cut Comcast out of our lives due to bad service, high fees and ever confusing pricing meant only to increase our cos. Verizon now remains our mobile carrier but not without regularly confusing us with misleading promotions that dont save what they promise. We have been fortunate to find a local DSL provider and are very pleased with the service. We want to protect local providers access to enable their survival and their continued success, which means I am a happy rather than disgruntled customer.

Thank you,

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